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"I KILLED AND BURNED LAFE,' SAID MRS. TAYLOR."

Ida May De Kay Confesses That Her Mother Shot Her Father and Then Destroyed Him-Peter Yerkins, a Witness, Tells Revolting Story Which He Says Woman Told Him of the Crime.

CHARRED BONES HAVE BEEN FOUND IN AN ASHHEAP.



IDA MAY DE KAY.

The girl who saw her mother kill her stepfather.

Monticello, N. Y., Feb. 14. - Mrs. Kate | moved a little and mamma fired two more avior, who is alleged to have shot, cut up | shots. "There," she said, 'he won't quarrel Taylor, who is alleged to have shot, cut up and burned the body of Lafayette Taylor, her husband, after a preliminary hearing here before Justice William B. McMillan, was held for the Grand Jury, which will

September term of the court. Blood-curdling details of the crime came

out in the testimony of Peter Yerkens, a farmer of Ulster Heights, and an uncle of

Yerkens came to town purely through curlosity, and while here he made the statement that he "knew a whole lot" about the murder. District Attorney Anderson and Sheriff Dycker immediately subpoens ns, and he went on the stand as the

Yerkens, and he went on the stand as the principal witness.

He said that on Sunday, February I, following the day of the murder, Mrs. Taylor and her daughter, Ida May DeKay, went "Mrs. Taylor," said the witness, "asked me if I would not buy her horse. I said I couldn't because there was a mortguge of

to on it, and that this held against her hus-Turning to me sharply, Mrs. Taylor said,

'Never mind about Lafe Taylor. He is a

"What do you mean by 'red dog'? I asked her. 'Why,' she replied, 'he is out of busi-ness.' You do not mean that he is dead or has been murdered, do you? I asked.
'Well,' she replied, I might as well tell you
that he has been killed and I did it. But say, Peter,' she went on, coolly, 'I want you to remember that you are not to say any-thing about this. It would mean the electric chair for me."

MRS. TAYLOR EXCITED.

When the witness had reached this point in his story Mrs. Taylor stood up, clenched her fist and shook it at Yerkens over the shoulder of her counsel, William W. E. Smith, Sheriff Dycker rushed to the wom-an's side and restrained her from begin-ning the tirade she evidently wished to pour forth on the head of her betrayer.

"It told Mrs. Taylor," Yerkens went on, "that I would say nothing, and that I would sak her no more questions about it. She seemed willing to tell me about the murder, however, and she did. She said that on the night of his death Taylor had come home drunk. 'He is always natty when he's that way, Mrs. Taylor said, and I just decided that I was tired of it ment is so weak and inefficient that Reparant would end it forever. He went in and and would end it forever. He went in and sat on the bed, and it was while he was sitting there that I shot him through the

"Then he jumped up from the bed and me, I answered. You can bet your life you leve being the phrase which he used in are, and I shot him again. This time he dropped to the floor, and when I was sure that he was dead I got the ax and cut of his head."

"Did she say anything about blood?" asked District Attorney Anderson.
"Yes," Yerkins answered; "she said her husband had bled like greatly. But," she said, that won't make any difference, for there are no traces of it left. I have burned the clothing, burned the carpet and burned Lafe, too. It's all wiped clean, No one will find it out."

"What did Mrs, Taylor say she had done with the bones?" asked the District At-

"She said she had cracked them up and PAINT TO HIDE CRIME.

"Before Mrs. Taylor left my farm she asked me if I had any paint. I asked her what she wanted it for and she said; Those doctor fellows tell human blood by the smallest speck of it by looking through a microscope, and I want to paint the bedratem and cover all the little spots."

when the witness had finished the crowd when the withess and inhance the crown in the courtroom was horror-stricken by the recital. Yerkins told the story as if it had been some simple matter in everyday life, and the woman prisoner showed only anger

rnment was then taken for an hour, it was announced that the woman when it was announced that the woman would be held for trial. District Attorney Anderson and Sheriff

Dycker are investigating a report that a farmer named Moody, who lives near the Taylor farm, had found a sack near his place containing a portion of the discovered body of Lafayette Taylor. This, the District Attorney says, may lead

to the discovery that the body was not burned, as Mrs. Taylor is alleged to have said it was, and that other parts of the body may be found.

At O'Neill's Hotel the woman's 16-yearold daughter, Ida May De Kay, made the

BY IDA MAY DE KAY. "Mamma and papa quarreled a great deal on the night she killed him. I was lying on a sora in the room where they were wrang-ling. They made so much noise I couldn't Papa was very deaf and mamma had

me and I sat right up. Papa lay on the floor with a hole in his forehead. Mamma

lie still. I heard her go outdoors, and I looked out, and she had the ax from the weedpile. Mamma had a hard time getting papa's clothes off. After she did that she cut off one arm with the ax and carving knife. She cut it up into two pieces and put it into the stove. Then she cut off the head and put that in. She had to go out lots of times for wood to keep the fire going. "Once she woke me up and looked at me lots of times for wood to keep the fire going.

"Once she woke me up and looked at me awful and told me not to tell any one. I went to sleep, but the noise mamma made woke me up lots of times. Mamma didn't go to bed at all. When I got up she was still at work.

"The ashes out of the stove had pieces of bones in them, and she broke them up before the other late.

fore throwing them into the ash pile. "Mamma is a terrible woman. I never want to see her again. Please take care of

Lafayette Taylor, his wife and one child, a girl of 16, lived in an out-of-the-way place near East Lake, three miles from Fallsburg, and one and a half miles from Centerville. Two weeks ago Taylor disappeared. He had previously engaged to work for some neighbors and they made inquiries. Mrs. Taylor told them that her husband had gone

over the mountain on business. Neighbors discussed the matter and thought it strange, as Taylor was not in the habit of going away from home. Mrs. Tay-lor went to her uncle, Peter Yerkins, and wanted him to buy a horse owned by her husband. Yerkins declined. Then, accord-ing to Yerkins, Mrs. Taylor said: "You pay this mortgage and take the horse. I have no need for him. I will guarantee that 'Lafe' will never bother you. I have taken care of him."

This statement interested Yerkins, and he continued to question the woman closely. James Taylor, a brother of Lafayette, who keeps a boarding-house at Klamesha Lake, heard the story and immediately procured a warrant for the weman's arrest. Accom-panied by Officer Burt Harris of Monticello, he went to Taylor's home and arrested the

The prisoner and her daughter were taken The prisoner and her daughter were taken to the hotel of Mrs. Myra O'Neill, and held there until the preliminary trial. The girl was not allowed to see her mother, and James Taylor, brother of the murdered man, finally wrung from her a full confession.

Taylor and Officer Harris at once went to the ash pile and found the box full of charred bones, which looked like human bones.

The woman is about 40 years of age and has a hardened countenance. She has black hair and dark eves, with a low forehead to above the average height and looks to be very strong. Her maiden name was Kata Boldt. She married "Lafe" Taylor, as he was familiarly called, about thirteen years

ago.

The daughter has been known as Ida May Taylor, but the mother declared that the child's right name is De Kay.

An officer made a thorough search of Tay-lor's house, and underneath an old mattress on one side of the bed was found a new re-volver, with which it is believed the murder was committed. It was a six-shooter and

Her trial, which will be one of the most sensetional murder cases in the history of the Standard will likely be held during the HE BE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE.

Hereafter, He Declares, He Will Be Content to Remain "A Plain Worker in the Ranks."

with me any more.'
"After she had killed him she dragged

"ELKINS BILL IS HARMLESS."

Asserts That Anti-Trust Legislation So Far Is a Farce and a Fraud and Evidently Intended to Be Such.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Feb. 14.-For the benefit of the voters of Eastern States and to set at rest any doubts as to his future hopes or ambitions, William Jennings Bryan, who arrived here to-day to address the Women's Democratic League in Brooklyn, declared emphatically that under no circumstance would be be considered as a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination next

idea of ever again entering the presidential race, and stated that hereafter he will

resentative Littlefield, who has been reported as the leader of the antitrust movement in the House, voted against it. If they stop there, even Attorney General ran toward me, shouting, My God! I am a Knox would be able to say that the meas-dead man!' As he was within three feet of ures are not 'drastic' enough, that I be-

FARCIAL LEGISLATION "In other words, the elegislation so fat is a farce and a fraud, and there is abundant room for believing that it was intended to be such. The quicker the reading

"How about the possibility of your candidacy next year? Will you be in the field again? There is considerable uncertainty in he East regarding your intentions,"

"I have said on many occasions that I am "I have said on many occasions that I am not and will not be a candidate for renomination again," replied the Nebraskan, "and you cannot make that statement too emphatic. Under no consideration would I again go into the field, and I say this now for the benefit of my friends in the East. I am a plain worker in the Democratic I am a plain worker in the Democratic ranks and am content to remain as such."
"That being the case," was suggested,
"what in your opinion ought to be the real
lasues of the next National compaign in
the Democratic side?"

HIS IDEAS ON THE ISSUES. "Events make issues," answered Mr. Bry-an, "but the trust question and question of imperialism are just now necessary issues. The tariff question and the money question are also very necessary issues, and there are many others. But those I have men tioned are now actively before the country and before Congress."

"How do there questions affect the con-siderations of the problem of cheap coal and the interests of labor?"

"While the tariff is more intimately con-nected with the subject of a fair and equit-able charge for coal and other products pro-duced by organized labor, it is my opinion that the trust question is the one in the main to deal with this whole matter." "Now as to probable candidates, elliminat-ing yourself from among the list of possi-bilities?" was asked.

"I make it a rule not to discuss that subject," answered the former candidate. "I notice, however, that I am credited with having suggested the name of Governor Garvin of Rhode Island as an available condition. Garvin of Rhode Island as an available candidate. That is an errobeous impression. I read his annual message to the Legislature and I found it to be a purely Democratic document. For that reason I suggested that it might be wise to consider men of his stamp among the possibilities. But it seems that the men who have the making of party candidates nowadays do

BRYAN'S SIGNIFICANT WORDS. . "The Elkins bill seems to be so harmless that the Standard Oll attorney favored it." "The antitrust legislation so far is • a farce and a fraud, and there is •

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CANDIDATES FAVOR DEMOCRACY. "What do you think of Judge Parker of the Court of Appeals, from this State?"
"I don't know that I have the acquaint-ance of Judge Parker, although it seems to me that I know him. However, as I have me that I know him. However, as a said, I don't care at this time to enter into said, I don't care at this time to enter into "I have heard a great deal of favorable comment about Judge Parker, but, when I ascertain that men are aspirants for the nomination. I will make it my business to investigate these men and the principles which they are supposed to represent. Then I will be prepared to discuss them."

"What do you think are the chances for a Democratic victory next year?"
"That is a problem yet," replied Mr. Bry-an. "Events will be large factors in that respect, and I have no idea of appearing in the role of prophet, although everything now is in our favor. But it all remains with the party."

ANNUAL ALUMNI BANQUET. St. Louis University Graduates

Will Gather at Planters Hotel. The annual banquet of the Alumni Asso-ciation of St. Louis University will take place at the Planters Hotel next Wednes-

day evening. The banquet with be of more than ordinary importance to the members of the association, as the university will celebrate its diamond jubilee next year. amittee, consisting of John P. Boyc dinner arrangements. Following is the programme for the evening:

Grace, by the Reverend W. Banks Rogers. S. J., president of the university; welcome 8. J. president of the association.
Doctor John H. Simon; toastmaster Maurice V. Joyce; "Alma Mater," the Reverend
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Francis J. Sullivan; "Medicine," Doctor
John B. Bryson; "Thoughts of the Past,"
John S. Leahy; "Thought of the Future,"
Lohn B. Denvir, Sr.; "Our Athletics," John B. Denvir, Sr.; "Our Athletics," Francis X, Green. Officers of the association are: Presilent. Doctor John H. Simon; moderator.

dent. Doctor John H. Simon; moderator, the Reverend Mathew McMenamy, J. J.; vice presidents, John B. Denvir, Jr., George F. Mockler and John M. Cates; recording secretary. Francis B. Runder; corresponding secretary. Franklin J. Shanley; treasurer, James D. Dockery.

ISIDOR LOEB TO LECTURE. Will Discuss Colonial Government for the Philippines.

Professor Isidor Loeb of the University of Missouri will deliver a lecture before the Washington University Association, at the University chapel Tuesday night. He will speak on the form of government best suited for the Philippine Islands.

Hitherto the chief issue in connection with the Philippines has been the expediency of colonial expansion. Professor Loeb recognizes the fact that the islands must necessarily be, for a time at least, under the control of the United States, and the lecture will consider the general principals of colonial government.

Other lectures will be delivered during the week as follows: Wednesday, Professor Snow; Friday; Professor Heller.







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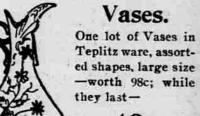
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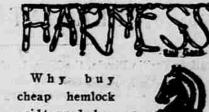
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